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BREAKUP OF U. S.  
NAVAL FORCES IN  
EUROPE COMPLETE

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt  
Announces Sale of Big  
Wireless Station to France  
and Other Final Details.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Practical demobilization of all the United States naval establishment in European waters; the sale of the great Lafayette wireless station at Bordeaux to the French government at a price of approximately \$4,000,000 and many hitherto unpublished facts of American naval activities in the war, were announced here today by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who arrived with President Wilson on the George Washington.

For the last month Mr. Roosevelt has been in Europe demobilizing the naval forces, liquidating contracts and settling claims. Good progress was made in all of the work, he said, and the British and French governments have met the United States half way in the settlement of claims and disposal of material.

On the trip over Mr. Roosevelt disclosed to the officers and men of the George Washington how the United States had spent more than \$30,000,000 laying the mine harp against submarines in the North sea and how by the navy efforts alone which the United States brought into the war, the submarines were driven away from the coasts, away from the harbor mouths, out to sea, where their deadly work would be more difficult and how the entry of the navy into the war initiated an effective campaign against the U-boats which previously had been conducting the offensive.

"Few realize," said Mr. Roosevelt, "that the American navy had 54 shore bases of various kinds in European waters and the Azores, including destroyer stations and mine laying bases, although the majority were naval aviation bases from which more than 200 American seaplanes operated. We had more than 70,000 men at these bases and on the ships operating from them. We leased docks and buildings, and in addition constructed hundreds of hangars, piers, hospitals, storehouses and other buildings.

"Almost 50,000 officers and men now have been sent home and all the flying stations and bases with a very few exceptions, have been evacuated. All

material of future value has been sent home. Portable houses, provisions and motor trucks have been sold to the Red Cross and the army and what remained of lumber and other salvage material has been sold to the British and French governments.

"The great Lafayette radio station near Bordeaux was intended to insure communication between Washington and the army and navy in case the cable systems were put out of commission or interfered with by German submarines. It has eight towers and could communicate with the United States day and night. It was built by the navy. I arranged with the French government that we shall complete the station, which is two-thirds finished, and they will then take it over at what it costs, about 25,000,000 francs."

GENERAL B. H. YOUNG,  
VETERAN CHIEF, DIES

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 24.—Gen. Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans from 1913 to 1916, died at his home here Sunday afternoon, following a short illness. He returned to Louisville Saturday in a flying condition from Florida where he went several weeks ago to recuperate.

Gen. Young served with Morgan, J. E. B. Stuart and Mosby during the Civil war, and won considerable fame as a cavalry leader. In 1914 he wrote "Confederate Wizards of the Saddle," describing the operation of the Confederate mounted forces during the war.

REV. S. A. WILKINSON GOES  
TO RULEVILLE THURSDAY

The Rev. J. O. Hill, of Sardis, Miss., and the Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, the new way Baptist church, delivered their first and last sermons, respectively, at the local church Sunday morning and evening. The Rev. Mr. Hill came from the First church at Sardis, where he worked diligently for five years, winning the love and respect of the community. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson will leave Thursday for Ruleville, Miss., to accept the pastorate of the First church there.

M'KELLAR FOR CHEAP  
"SHORT SWEETENING"

Senator McKellar will assist the Memphis freight bureau in its fight against the order of the United States railroad commission increasing the rate on sugar to Memphis, according to a telegram to J. S. Davant, commissioner for the freight bureau. Senator McKellar assured Mr. Davant that he will use his influence in obtaining a suspension of the new rate until the regional and district committees can make a full investigation of the matter and report.

DAYTON REPORT  
SHOWN TO BE A  
POLITICAL STORY

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material jumped at the same time, while the return from taxes have persistently decreased. But all Ohio cities are having their bad time because the Smith 1 per cent law keeps them within a small borrowing limit. Amongst these Ohio cities with their worries Dayton stands as one of the least involved. Cleveland, without the city manager form of government, is very much worse off financially than Dayton.

"(4) Before two more elections Dayton will go back to the old form of government, says the man who came to spy out the land. I have only one criticism to make to this, namely, that it isn't true in a single particular. The masses of the people are satisfied with the commission manager form, and it is only the political parties, that make up the machine, who think they see the promised land of big grapes and plums near."

"(5) As to the dismissal of the city physician, there is a long story. But I assure you that it was not politics but for the good of the service that this very estimable person had to be let out."

"(6) Your reporter said that not one man whom he interviewed said that politics did not enter into the government. Well, all I can say is that the reporter must have been exceedingly careful whom he interviewed and that he kept closely within the lines of a certain political machine that was nearly smashed beyond recognition by the new form of government. Let me return just as unconditional a statement as that which the reporter made, and I want you to know that you can get a similar statement from 100 out of every 100 men whom you would meet in the streets of our city, that politics does not enter into our city government in any of its policies or appointments."

"(7) As to experts. The untrained man is inclined to sneer at experts. But the really intelligent person will know that even a graduate of the Boston School of Technology, as Mr. Waite, our first manager, was, can not be expected to know all things under the sun in an expert fashion and that the real expert in one line will for the greater economy in the long run get expert advice all along the line. In the gas question, the street car question, Mr. Waite called in experts to test the statements of experts that the gas and street car companies brought forward. Isn't that what a business man would do?"

"I could tell you many other things, such as the public-owned waterworks, for the first time on a self-supporting basis, and the death rate being reduced by two points in the thousand, or a saving of 250 lives; our infant mortality rate cut in half. Infant mortality in 1913 was 301; in 1914, 253; in 1915, 206. Is that an expert fact or not?"

"But you'll get more through the reports I send you than from anything I can hastily set down. I shall be glad to answer any questions that you don't find answered in the publications."

ASBURY PARK SUFFERS  
BLAZE; LOSS \$225,000

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Feb. 24.—Five unoccupied hotels, three cottages and two garages were burned here Sunday night by loss estimated at \$225,000. The hotels destroyed were Sunset Hall, Maryland, Waldorf, Fifth Avenue House and the Parkview.

A gale was blowing and the entire hotel district was threatened. Arrival of the Asbury Park railway was delayed because telegraph wires had been blown down. The police believe the fire may have been started by a gas leak from a gasometer in the basement of one of the hotels.

USERS OF TOBACCO MAY  
BE BARRED IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 24.—Men addicted to the use of tobacco in any form would be prohibited from holding public office if State Senator Oliver Kline from Huntington, Ind., were able to carry out a request of a constituent. Senator Kline received a letter from a resident of the county, requesting a law to prohibit any user of tobacco from being elected to office. The communication was read into the records of the senate and then referred to the committee on swamps and drains and rivers and waters, for joint action.

IS THERE A  
REFLECTION  
FROM THE  
TAX DEPRESSION?

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wise and unwise expenditures it would be better to raise the rate than to raise the assessment. If the city raises the assessment, the state and county will follow and perhaps make the same raise. The tax assessor, while raising the burden of taking care of the city's excesses also would be compelled to assume the additional and discriminatory burden of making a further contribution to the state and county.

It is assumed that the assessed value of the class of property mentioned is around 60 per cent of the actual value. Those owning furniture, automobiles and jewelry in excess of \$1,000 in value, if they tell the truth in their sworn returns, pay still further taxes.

"To get down to the gist of the trouble, it is not with the man who owns a small home, a large home, a manufacturing plant or a store or any other institution assessed in Memphis and who pays big taxes in Memphis. They are doing their share and doing it with a good deal less complaint than they are entitled in the circumstances to register."

The trouble is with the public service corporations assessed in Memphis by the state board of railroad commissioners sitting in Nashville. The small property owner and the home owner and the owner of big property, for that matter, are paying on an average of 60 per cent valuation while the corporations are paying the new rates, as low as 20 per cent, and in hardly any case in excess of 35 per cent of their actual value.

If the 11 lines of railroads running into Memphis; the two bridge companies, the telephone and telegraph companies and other utilities much more in the public eye, the street railway company included, were compelled to pay their just proportion of the taxes, the burden upon the people would be much lighter and considerably more equitable.

Perhaps there will be surprise when it is stated that the gross assessed valuation, for the years 1917 and 1918, amounted to only \$12,245,710.50 for all the utilities in Memphis excepting the gas and electric company.

A big sum? Certainly. But how does the assessment of these utilities compare with the assessment of the Memphis home?

Some Examples.

Take the Memphis street railway, with its claim of an investment of \$12,000,000 or \$13,000,000. It is assessed \$3,425,100 by the state railroad commission. This includes everything, franchise, total distributable property, total localized property and everything. Its vast mechanical department can not be assessed by the city assessors; everything of that nature comes under the head of distributable property.

Another example that might be cited as a concrete case is that of the Southern railway. A few years ago there was considerable agitation in favor of getting the yards out of the heart of the city making a park of that section. There was some dickering. The company is understood to have wanted a cool million for the ground.

The Southern railway pays on all of its property, localized, distributable and all, on an assessment of \$16,670. A great deal has been said about the cost of the J. T. Harahan bridge connecting Memphis and Arkansas. Its value has been estimated at between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000. The assessment on the Tennessee part is \$1,214,042.

The Memphis Union station is said to have cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. It owns valuable real estate. It is assessed on a basis of \$776,375. It might be added that an investigation would show that when the real estate now owned by the Union station company was in the possession of small property owners that the assessment was in excess of what it now is with the \$1,000,000 station. Its tractage of 5.69 miles at a valuation of \$30,000 per mile, and its entire localized and distributable property.

These facts are cited to show the necessity for a more equitable adjustment of tax values, although there is no indication that any relief is forthcoming. The bill passed Friday by the legislature concerning unheard-of powers upon the railroad commission, known to be known as the utilities commission, is certainly disconcerting to the advocates of home rule and the right of the people to deal with the utilities of their municipality.

The fight on the city manager amendment to the city charter is inspired by the forces that are protecting and shielding the corporate interests. The control the bill extends to the people over utilities is too progressive to suit reactionary purposes.

\$1,500 MINIMUM FOR  
TEACHERS RECOMMENDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (Sp.)—Doubling the salaries of teachers within the next five years, and then adding 50 per cent before another 10 years have passed, so that the minimum average salary for teachers will be \$1,500 is the program urged by P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, in a statement today.

"It is only by very large increases in pay of teachers that we may hope to improve our schools appreciably. Small increases of 10 or 20 per cent will not avail, for they will not be sufficient to hold in the schools men and women of superior ability."

"Teachers are now paid less for their work than any other class of workers, and the increase in their pay in the last few years has in no wise been in keeping with the increase in pay of other workers, or with the increase in the cost of living. While the cost of living has increased approximately 50 per cent, the average salary of teachers has increased only 12 per cent. The purchasing power of the salary of the teacher in our public schools is, therefore, only about 60 per cent of what it was four years ago."

FOREIGN CEREAL CROPS  
MAY BE DENIED ENTRY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (Sp.)—Prohibition of imports of wheat, barley, oats and rice to continental United States from Australia, Japan, India, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland and Brazil is believed by the United States department of agriculture to be necessary on account of the prevalence in those countries of the wheat and rice blight. The former affects wheat alone, and the latter wheat, rice, barley, oats and rice. A hearing to determine whether or not a quarantine is necessary will be held at 10 o'clock March 25, in the office of the federal horticultural board, Washington.

Both of the diseases are very destructive. Wheat smut affects the leaf blades, leaf sheaths, stems and sometimes the spikes of wheat. The spores are carried on the seed and live over in the soil. In portions of Australia losses from this disease run from one-tenth to one-half of the crop.

ONLY ONE BUILDING AT  
U. S. CAMP IS BURNED

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Only one building at the American camp at Boulogne, and not the whole camp, was destroyed Saturday by fire, says a later Havas dispatch. The fire was estimated at more than 1,000,000 francs.

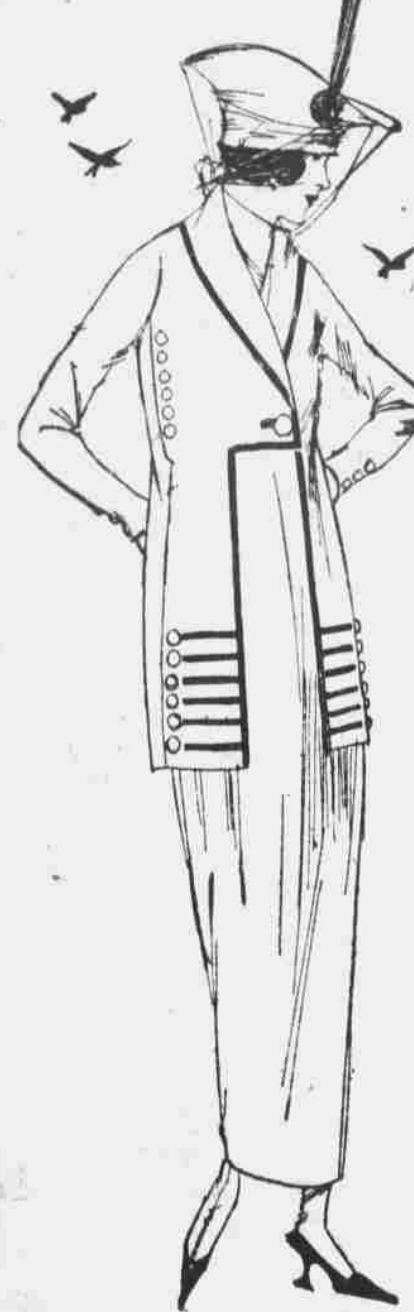
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## New Serge Dresses

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Exceedingly well-tailored of fine, soft French serge, in the newest and most attractive modes, with dainty new collars and smart braid and button trimming. We're sure you can not match them anywhere at anywhere near \$29.75.

Other serge dresses at all prices up to \$65.00 at a remarkable value.

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Silk frocks for all occasions, in all the season's most popular materials and colors. Styles that fashion has accepted as her own.

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## Capes and Dolmans

Fashion has given the lead this season to Dolmans and Cape Coats, and with good reason. They are exceedingly "chic" and effective, looking and highly serviceable. We are showing many pretty styles from \$16.75 to \$39.50.

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NEW Silks

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## Matlese Satin

For Capes and Skirts

This Matlese Satin is one of fashion's smartest creations for the new and popular spring skirts and capes. It is a most beautiful weave, firm and serviceable, yet lends itself admirably to the purpose intended. All new shades are shown, such as canes, robin's egg blue, orchid, shell pink, silver gray, oriental tan and white. The price—\$5.75 per yard—is remarkably low.

40-in. Printed Satin Radium, shown at this store exclusively, in magnificent new patterns and all fashionable color combinations: per yard \$2.50

36-in. Twilled Fouard Silk, a stylish material for spring frocks; more than a score of beautiful patterns and colorings to select from: special value at \$2.50

\$4.00 Satin Imperial \$3.00

36-inch Satin Imperial, one of the very finest dress satins manufactured; soft, supple, serviceable, ideal for dresses, suits, skirts and capes; all wanted shades and colors; also white, ivory and black; a \$4.00 value, on sale at \$3.00 per yard.

\$4.50 Repp Tricotine \$3.50

34-in. Repp Tricotine, an ideal fabric for making fashionable capes, suits and separate skirts; comes in such fashionable colors as field mouse, taupe, old rose, French blue, brown, navy and black; regular \$4.50 value, on sale at \$3.50 per yard.



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Trimmed Hats

at \$10 to \$25

Just Arrived From New York

WOMEN to whom smartness is both first thought and second nature will rejoice in the superior style and effectiveness of these new hats at \$10 to \$25.

There are ever so many delightful new shapes and trimming effects—some of them are small, some very large—and all are extremely clever in design and making, with a dash and distinctiveness that will win your instant approval.

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In Just One-fifth the Time—and Does it Better!

Just imagine this! One woman shaking your rugs, another woman beating your carpets, a third woman laboriously sweeping up, a fourth stooping and stretching to dust, a fifth woman bending to pick up threads, scraps, etc., are all together about equal to you with a Hoover.

But the five women would be fagged out when finished, while you, with your Hoover, would not feel the least bit wearied. Or, if you must do those five hard tasks yourself, it is wearing you out and taking just five times as long as if you had a Hoover. A new shipment just received—a size to suit every requirement.

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